

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WATER DIVISION  
Water Advisory Branch

RESOLUTION W-4231  
November 2, 2000

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**(RES. W-4231), PENNGROVE WATER COMPANY (PWC).  
ORDER AUTHORIZING AN OFFSET RATE INCREASE  
PRODUCING ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REVENUES OF \$4,057  
OR 1.3%.**

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**SUMMARY**

By Advice Letter 42, filed on September 13, 2000, PWC requests authority to increase rates for water service producing an additional annual revenue of \$4,057 or 1.3% to offset a purchased water rate increase by Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). The increase will not result in a rate of return greater than last authorized for PWC.

**BACKGROUND**

PWC requests authority under Section VI of General Order 96-A and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates for water service to offset a \$4,057 increase in purchased water expense. PWC serves about 404 metered customers in Sonoma County.

The present rates for PWC became effective on June 13, 2000, by Advice Letter 41, pursuant to Res. W-4192, dated June 8, 2000, which authorized a rate increase for Department of Health Services mandated improvements in Canon Manor.

**DISCUSSION**

The offset increase requested herein is for the purpose of recovering in rates, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, changes in expenses that have occurred since the present rates became effective. This rate increase will not result in a rate of return greater than that previously authorized.

The reason for the above expense changes is as follows: Sonoma County Water Agency increased its rates effective July 1, 2000, which will result in a purchased water increase of \$4,057.

The requested expense offset will result in an increase in the quantity rate of \$0.057 Ccf (One Ccf equals one hundred cubic feet).

Service is satisfactory. There are no Commission orders requiring system improvement, nor are there significant service problems requiring corrective action.

At the proposed rates, the typical residential customer's bill will increase from \$55.75 to \$56.49 per month or .99% for an average use of 1,300 cubic feet.

### **NOTICE AND PROTESTS**

PWC has given public notice of the request for an increase by publishing in the local newspaper, The Press Democrat, on September 12, 2000. No protest letters were received.

### **FINDINGS**

1. THE COMMISSION FINDS, after investigation by the Water Advisory Branch, that the rate increase hereby authorized is justified, and the resulting rate is just and reasonable.

### **THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Penngrove Water Company is authorized, five days after the effective date herein to make effective revised Schedule P-1, General Metered Service, attached to Advice Letter 42, and to cancel the presently effective rate Schedule P-1.
2. PWC is directed to maintain its balancing account as required by Public Utilities Code Section 792.5.

This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on November 2, 2000; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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WESLEY M. FRANKLIN  
Executive Director

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